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a three-page report on a projected nuclear power station near Pécs. A layout sketch with legend is included.

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1. It was rumored that the nuclear electric power station which Hungary was to receive from the USSR would be built near the thorium mines being exploited by the Soviets and located near Pecs (N 46-05, E 18-13). This fact was mentioned in newspapers and in Party meetings and it represented an important point in the Soviet propaganda campaign.

2. [redacted] Allegedly, all industry in Southern Hungary was to be supplied by the nuclear power station. Nevertheless, construction of the new huge thermal power plant at Pecs continued. According to plans, the nuclear power station would start operating by 1960.

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3. In fall 1956 construction of the nuclear power station was begun two kilometers southeast of Boda village which is located 12 kilometers west of Pecs. For the location, see the enclosed [redacted] sketch on page 3. drawn on the basis of maps 1:50,000. sheets Pecs and Szent-Lovincz

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[redacted] the nuclear power station was being built at that site. A Soviet construction engineer was directing the work on the spot. [redacted] his name was Stanislov (fnu).

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4. A high-voltage cable was built from Pecs toward the nuclear station construction site. In October 1956 the mounting of the cable had advanced as far as is shown by the sketch on page 3

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5. A double-track railway line was scheduled to reach the nuclear power station. Its planned course is marked on the sketch. In October 1956 the railway formation was ready from the main line east of the Mecsekalja-Cserkut station to the high-voltage cable.
6. During the uprising the thorium mines suffered no damage and they were taken over by the Soviets in perfect condition.
7. Following is the legend of the sketch: The numbers in parentheses refer to the numbers in the sketch.

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- (1) Construction of the nuclear electric power station.
- (2a) Railway formation, completed by October 1956.
- (2b) Scheduled continuation of the railway toward the nuclear power station.
- (3) High-voltage cable.
- (4) Group of three thorium mines, known as the "Kövágoszöllos" mines.
- (5) Group of three thorium mines, known as the Bakonya mines.
- (6) One thorium mine, known as the Totvar mine.

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